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TO: MR. R. J. BOYLE - Indianapolis OFFICE: St. Louis Park
FROM: H. L. Finch DATE: February 21, 1962
SUBJECT: PLANT PROPERTY - ST. LOUIS PARK (Dictated Feb. 20, 1962)

As we informed you in our telephone conversation, we attended the meeting of the open hearing to establish the Urban Renewal Authority in the City of St. Louis Park. The authorization to establish the Urban Renewal Authority did not transpire in last night's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Pearson, one of the Council members, to postpone for two weeks any action on the establishment of this Authority to enable the City of St. Louis Park to introduce into the records statements by individuals, such as, the Planning Commissioner, the Health Department and others to substantiate that conditions under the statute exist. Mr. Andre, City Manager, informed the Council that in order to present evidence such as Mr. Yngve had presented and call in experts, that he would require an appropriation of five hundred to a thousand dollars and that the time interval for gathering this information was very short since the postponement was only for two weeks. Other Council members, and in particular, Mr. Howard pointed out that he was not in favor of making an appropriation, nor did he think that the motion was intended to require research, but that the City was already in possession of certain statements made by individuals in its various departments that should be entered in their records and would require no appropriation since these statements were already prepared. Proceeding along this vein, the Council voted four to two for postponement.

It is Mr. Yngve's contention now that the City will have to point to definite blighted areas that exist within the City of St. Louis Park and since certain statements were made to the effect that Reilly Tar & Chemical Corporation was not the only blighted spot in St. Louis Park, they are going to have to start to point fingers at other people and other property where blight exists. Mr. Yngve feels that we will have much more support on our side and, while we were unable to stop action indefinitely, our position seems to have improved.

Yours very truly,

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